

# AUGUST 2025

## IOWA 5-DAY MYSTERY TOUR

Iowa is a quilt of small towns, each one a thread woven into the fabric of the state. The American Spirit Club traveled the state of Iowa on a 5-day Mystery trip in July. The group experienced a variety of small communities with diverse populations and interesting heritages. On our first day we hopped aboard the Boone Scenic Railroad. We experienced an excursion through part of Iowa's amazing countryside and enjoyed a delicious lunch.

After our train ride, we traveled to our home away from home for the next 4 nights, the Hotel Millwright in Amana Iowa. Yes, our destination was the Amana Colonies and surrounding communities. The Hotel Millwright was a perfect combination of a boutique hotel and rich history of a textile mill for our group to relax and socialize after our days of exploration of the area.

The next two days we dug into the history and heritage of the German settlers in the Amana Colonies. We started at the Amana Heritage Museum where our guide explained the seven villages that compose the Amana Colonies. We visited the High Amana General Store, the Homestead Folk Art Museum and the Homestead Church Museum. We shared a traditional communal meal at the Homestead Welfare Club. The rest of the day we had free time to shop, relax and enjoy some delicious goodies. On Wednesday we toured the Amana Woolen Mills, the Amana Furniture Shop, and had another traditional meal at the Ox Yoke Inn. After lunch we learned about making wine at the Ackerman Winery and had a wine tasting. On Thursday we traveled to Kalona and learned about the lifestyle of the Amish and Mennonites. We toured an Amish Casket Maker, an Amish Farm operation and enjoyed a delicious homecooked family style meal in one of the family residents' homes. After lunch we toured the very interesting Kalona Historical Village Visitors Center.

On our journey home we toured the gorgeous 17-acre Reimen Gardens, part of the Iowa State Campus in Ames. Our Spirit Club 5- Day Tour was a lot of fun, not only because Iowa is a great place to visit, but we were able to share the experience with a very nice group of people.



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## *"The Spirit of Us"*

It is August, time to enjoy the sunny days and warm evenings with a few end of the summer adventures. Make your way to the pool or the beach to take in the sun or hit the road for a short road trip. There are many fun destinations in our area including state parks, museums and concerts or visiting a farmers market to relish the abundance of fresh vegetables.

The American Bank Spirit Club Dinner will be held on Thursday, September 18th at the Plymouth County Fairgrounds, Century Hall at 5:30 pm. Reservations are required. Please call American Bank in Remsen or Le Mars by September 5 to reserve your spot. More information is available on the second page of this publication.

Congratulations to the 4-H members on their accomplishments at our local fairs! The young people learn a lot about responsibility while working on their projects and showing their animals. Many will be attending the State Fairs this month and we wish them a lot of success in the next phase.

School will begin very soon. Our Ambank Company supports our local schools and our students. We wish the students, teachers and staff an amazing year.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Medicare Educational Seminars hosted by Perspective Insurance and the American Spirit Club on October 1 & 2. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.

*Seize every moment of August.  
Have a great month.*

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## SPIRIT CLUB DINNER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

SOCIAL TIME 5:30 PM | DINNER 6:00 PM

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# 2025 SPIRIT CLUB TRIPS

## Niagara Falls & Finger Lakes | August 10-17, 2025 or Niagara Falls & Finger Lakes | September 7-14, 2025

The American Spirit Club will be touring Niagara Falls and New York's Finger Lakes. Marvel at the majestic waterfalls and be mesmerized by the tranquil, picturesque scenery. Discover the architectural brilliance of Frank Lloyd Wright's creations and be captivated by the enchanting illumination of the falls, transforming this natural wonder into a breathtaking display of colorful lights against the night sky. **Both tours are full at this time, but you can add your name to the waiting lists.**

**Cost: \$3,995 Per Person/DBI \$4,795/Single | Deposit Per Person: \$500**

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## Fall Mystery Tour | Wednesday, October 29 or Thursday, October 30

Join us for our Fall Mystery Tour on Wednesday, October 29 or Thursday, October 30, for a fun day of surprises. Fall is a beautiful time of the year for an adventure with friends! Call soon to sign up for one of these Mystery Tour days because they fill up very fast. **Both tours are full at this time, but you can add your name to the waiting lists. Activity Level: Minimal to Moderate**

**Cost: \$130 | Deposit: \$30**

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## Branson & Kansas City # 1 | November 10-14 (Monday – Friday) or Branson & Kansas City # 2 | November 17-21 (Monday – Friday)

The Spirit Club tour to Branson & Kansas City is always very popular, so we have planned two tours this year. Our first tour will be November 10-14, and the second will be November 17-21. The entertainment line-up will include, Presley's Country Jubilee, Clay Cooper's Country Express, Hughes Brothers, The Haygoods, Hot Rods & High Heels, David at the Sight and Sound Theatre, and Nature at Night Cave Tour at Top of the Rock. On Thursday, we will travel to Kansas City to attend a dinner theatre. This amazing tour includes 8 shows, 11 meals, 4 nights lodging, gratuities, and motor coach transportation. **Both tours are full, but you can put your name on the waitlist. Activity Level: Level: Moderate**

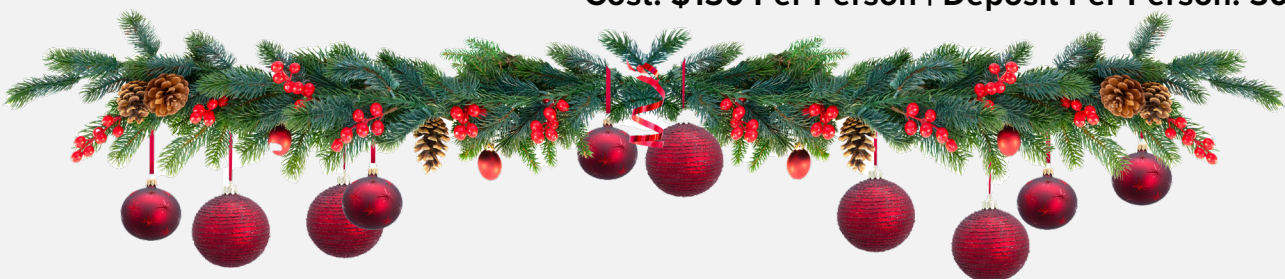
**Cost: \$1,200 Per Person/DBL \$1,450/Single | Deposit: \$200**

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## Christmas Show | Friday, December 19

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Join the Spirit Club for a night of Christmas favorites performed in Micheal Buble style by Phil Thompson. Phil is one of the nation's freshest faces to emerge as a pop/instrumental crossover, Phil continues his rigorous tour schedule performing across the globe and will be performing at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center on Friday, December 19. Before the show we will enjoy a delicious dinner.

**Cost: \$130 Per Person | Deposit Per Person: 30.00**



## **Christmas in New York City December 1-6, 2025 (Monday - Saturday)**

Experience the iconic traditions of Christmas in the Big Apple, from the Christmas Market at Bryant Park, a walking food tour of Greenwich Village and a stroll thru Central Park. A tour of the Radio City Music Hall and attend the Radio City Christmas Spectacular! Meet with a Broadway performer to learn about their life and career and then see a Broadway show. Tour Midtown and Lower Manhattan, reflect at the poignant 9/11 Memorial and Museum, tour Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, and so much more! Inclusions: Round-trip airport transfers, round-trip air to NYC, private motorcoach transportation, 5 nights' accommodations in the Times Square District, 8 meals, admissions to attractions as stated on the itinerary, porter services, taxes & gratuities for services, professional tour manager and local NYC tour guide. For a complete listing of all highlights included find the brochure on our website, at your local branch or contact Loreen and she will mail you one. **Activity Level: Moderate**

**Cost: \$5,125 Per Person/DBL \$5,989 per person/Single | Deposit: \$500 per person**

## **AMERICAN SPIRIT CLUB TRIPS FOR 2026**

### **Paradise in Hawaii | January 10-20, 2026**

Known for its paradise beaches and incredible volcanoes, the vibrant islands of Hawaii are one of the top tourist destinations of the US and the Spirit Club will be exploring the beauty and wonder of the Hawaiian Islands, January 10-20, 2026. Travel with us and discover Hawaii's beautiful coastlines, breathtaking mountain peaks and the Aloha Spirit on our 11-day land tour of Hawaii's most loved sites. Our first tour will include the history of Pearl Harbor, USS Arizona and USS Missouri located in Honolulu on the island of Oahu with a relaxing stop on Waikiki Beach. Our next few days we will tour the highlights of Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii including Volcanoes National Park, Punalu'u Black Sand Beach and a sunset cruise. Our final island is Maui where we will tour a coffee farm, experience whale-watching, a traditional luau and much more. There is a brochure available on our website and at our branches with more details on this amazing tour.

**Cost: \$7,999 per person/DBL \$9,545/Single | Deposit: \$500**

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### **Romantic Danube - Viking Cruises, Longship – Gullveig | June 17-27, 2026**

Discover grand cities and quaint villages along the "Blue Danube" aboard Viking Cruises' Longship Gullveig. Spend two nights in Prague, the "City of a Hundred Spires", with visits to the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle and St. Vitus Cathedral. Cross the Charles Bridge to the Old Town Market Square, the most significant square of historical Prague dating back to the 12th century. Explore both sides of fascinating Budapest, experience Vienna's imperial architecture and gracious culture, and tour riverside towns in Austria's Wachau Valley. In Germany, explore a baroque abbey and stroll cobbled streets lined with half-timbered houses. Join us along these culture-rich banks, whose scenic vineyards, ancient monasteries and elegant cities have inspired travelers for centuries. Join the American Spirit Club on a tour on board the elegant Viking's Longship Gullveig on the European Danube River and enjoy the 2-Night Pre-Cruise package in Prague. It is essential to look over the brochure to realize all the highlights and inclusions built in for this trip of a lifetime. Brochures are available on our website, at our branches or contact Loreen and she will send you one.

**Cost beginning at \$6,900 Per Person/DBL | Deposit: Only \$25 Per Person**

*(This is a reduced deposit amount is for a Viking River Cruises promotion that could change at any time.)*

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